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Recommends \$63.4 Million Budget

Executive Committee Okays Seminary Fund Campaigns

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has recommended a national 1977-78 Cooperative Program unified budget goal of \$63.4 million and authorized the SBC's six theological seminaries to conduct parallel fund raising campaigns with a national theme.

In other action during its semi-annual two-day meeting, the Executive Committee honored its executive secretary-treasurer Porter Routh, who is completing 25 years as the body's chief executive, and set an Executive Committee operating budget of \$611,700 for 1976-77.

The committee also accepted an offer of \$200,000 a year, for up to five years, from the SBC Sunday School Board to be transferred to the Southern Baptist Foundation and divided equally between two of the smaller SBC seminaries to build up their endowments. The contributions of \$100,000 each will strengthen the programs of Midwestern Seminary in Kansas City and Golden Gate Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., and consequently have the effect of strengthening the Sunday School Board's efforts in Christian education, an Executive Committee spokesman said.

The recommended 1977-78 Cooperative Program budget will be presented to the 1977 Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting in Kansas City for approval. The recommendation calls for not more than \$54,000,000 of that

amount for the basic operating needs of SBC agencies, \$1,080,000 for capital needs and \$8,320,000 in challenge funds for "bold advance."

The 1976-77 national Cooperative Program figure, already approved, is \$55 million, with \$49 million of that amount as the basic operating budget. The 1975-76 Cooperative Program goal was \$51 million, with \$41 million ticketed for basic operating needs. The

1975-76 fiscal year ends September 30.

The seminary fund-raising campaigns will be implemented by a 16-member committee, including the seminary presidents, which will be named by SBC President James L. Sullivan to plan the campaigns in keeping with Article VI of the SBC's business and financial plan.

Two seminars, Southwestern in Fort Worth and Southern in Louisville,

already have \$8 million and \$10 million campaigns underway respectively.

The Executive Committee's 1976-77 operating budget of \$611,700 represents a \$42,700 increase over the 1975-76 budget and includes a six percent cost of living adjustment for Executive Committee staff salaries.

The Executive Committee also approved a recommendation that the (Continued on page 2)



Nashville — Action Men

An ACTION project section recently was formed by the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board to take care of the numerous calls for assistance with ACTION campaigns from churches, associations and state conventions. Ernest R. Adams (standing lower right), was named supervisor of the section, moving from the position of supervisor of the general officers section of the Sunday School department. Another member of the ACTION team is Andy Anderson (standing right), who developed the ACTION Sunday School enrollment plan while pastor of Riverside Baptist Church, Fort Myers, Fla. Anderson serves as ACTION promotion specialist. Neil Jackson (standing left), Eugene Skelton (seated left) and Frank Smith (center) serve as ACTION consultants, working primarily on Associational ACTION campaigns. The ACTION project section was established to help churches use the ACTION plan properly so that growth achieved from using ACTION will be permanent.

Golden Gate Will Install New Dean

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — W. Morgan Patterson will be installed as dean of academic affairs at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here on Oct. 12, coinciding with the annual Founder's Day.

Harold K. Graves, president of the seminary, will preside over the ceremonies, and Charles A. Carter, chairman of the board of trustees from Jackson, Miss., will install the new dean.

The new dean assumed duties Aug. 1, coming to the seminary from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he was director of graduate studies in the school of theology and professor of church history. He had served there since 1959. He led in designing and implementing the Ph.D. degree at Southern in 1974.

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Reid Jogs Off Pounds And Miles

ALBEMARLE, N. C. (BP) — Missionary Orvil Reid is jogging off the pounds along with the miles.

Now near the mid-point of his 500-mile "Run For Life" between Atlanta and Richmond, Reid has already lost eight pounds, according to Eugene Greer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, general coordinator for the run.

Physically, Reid is in good condition. (Continued on page 2)

Baptist Missionaries Are Back In Uganda

SOROTI, Uganda (BP) — The three Southern Baptist missionary couples assigned to Uganda have all returned following a brief evacuation to Kenya.

The missionaries reported that churches have continued to grow and attendance is high.

They left Uganda on business and remained in Kenya until recent political tension subsided. Some of them returned within a few weeks.

Back in Uganda are Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll of West Virginia and Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Garvin of Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice of Virginia.

Retreat Planned For Small Sunday Schools

NASHVILLE—Special needs of churches with Sunday School enrollments of 150 or less will be the center of attention at a Sunday School Leadership conference for small churches at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Conference Center, Nov. 25-27.

"Holiday Retreat Ridgecrest" is one of several conferences scheduled in 1976-77 to help meet leadership training needs in small churches, according to A. V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

According to the 1975 Church Letter, 58 percent, or 20,253 of the 34,903 Southern Baptist churches have 150 or fewer enrolled in Sunday School. Seventy percent of these are churches in villages and open country.

The retreat, which begins with the

evening meal on Thanksgiving Day, will have provisions for all family members. This includes demonstration departments for preschoolers and children (to be observed by teacher training groups), a youth Bible conference, adult leadership training and a general officers conference.

Reservations should be sent to Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770, and should include a \$2 deposit for each person. Total cost for the retreat is \$27.25 for each person in a semi-private room and includes meals, insurance, and conference fees. Half the regular rate will be charged for preschoolers and only \$2 for children under age 2. A maximum of \$75 will be charged for any family occupying a single room.

Owen Named Executive Director Of Northern Plains

RAPID CITY, S. D. (BP) — Roy W. Owen has been elected executive director of the Northern Plains Baptist

Convention, succeeding John P. Baker, who will retire Dec. 31 after nine years as the convention's chief executive. Owen will begin work Oct. 15.

Owen, 52, associate executive director and director of missions for the Colorado Baptist General Convention since 1974, will also serve as editor of the Northern Plains News, publication of the four-state convention.

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Tennessee Elects Al Shackleford As Editor

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (BP) — Alvin C. Shackleford, editor of the Indiana Baptist for the past 11 years, was

elected here as editor of the Baptist and Reflector, 141-year-old weekly news publication of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, effective Nov. 1.

Mrs. Eura Lannom, a Baptist and Reflector staff member for 33 years, has served as acting editor of the paper for the past three years, following the resignation of James A. Lester.

A native of Georgia, Shackleford, 44, also served as director of public relations for the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

Before coming to Indiana he was technical director in the public relations department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, 1961-65, and editor of The Beam, then published as a magazine by the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, 1967-61.

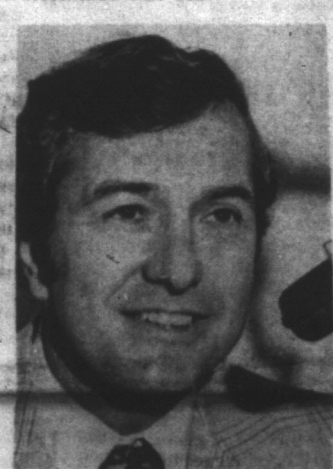
During college and seminary study, Shackleford also served part-time as a printer at the Radio and Television Commission, 1955-57, and a sportswriter for the Fort Worth Star Telegram, 1955. He was pastor of Glenloch Baptist Church, Franklin, Ga., 1951-52.

He attended Auburn (Ala.) University. (Continued on page 3)

Jackson Pastor Follows Hobbs On "Baptist Hour"

Rev. Frank D. Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., will be "Baptist Hour" speaker during

October, November, and December. Pollard, who defines good preaching as "one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread," will preach 13 sermons under the general heading, "Reconciled Unto God."



Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., will preach the October-December series of "Baptist Hour" sermons. "The Baptist Hour," a modified worship program is produced and syndicated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. It is heard on more than 400 radio stations in the United States and around the world. — Radio-TV Commission Photo.

"The Baptist Hour," a modified worship service, is a 30-minute radio program produced and syndicated by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. It is heard on nearly 400 stations around the country.

In "Are You Uptight Or Upright?" Pollard lists some of the things that cause pressure in life and says Jesus has the answer to being uptight. "You can be upright, in good standing with God, with Christ living in you here to help you face every temptation, handle every difficulty, and guide in every decision."

"You have never gone too far but there is a way back," Pollard reminds in "How To Get Rid of Your Guilt." "That way back is confession and forgiveness. It is not too late for God to paint a beautiful picture into your life."

Noting that freedom involves responsibilities, Pollard says it is harder to keep freedom than it is to win it.

"Freedom does only one thing," he says in "Keeping Free." "Freedom gives you the right to make personal choices. If you use that right to make wrong choices, you lose your freedom."

"Do You Think You're A Loser?" is for the discouraged. "Life isn't necessarily over just because the curtain closes for awhile," Pollard declares. "It may just be the intermission. Christ makes winners out of losers and always does his best work through the least likely people."

Pollard is the first of a series of pastors who will speak on "The Baptist Hour."

Oct. 31 Set As Sunday School High Attendance

Mississippi Baptist Sunday Schools are making plans to reach an attendance of 255,000 on High Attendance Sunday Oct. 31 in the Sunday Schools of our state.

The Southern Baptist Convention Sunday Schools have a goal of 5,000,000 people to be reached for Bible study on High Attendance Sunday Oct. 31, and Mississippi is planning to do its part in attaining this significant goal. High Attendance Day is the climax of the Southern Baptist Reach Out '75-76 which has been in progress in Southern Baptist churches.

According to Rev. Bryant Cummings, director of Mississippi's Sunday School Department, the following procedure will be used for reporting

the attendance of all the Sunday Schools in our state on High Attendance Day. It is very important that we reach every church in order to make them a part of this report, Rev. Cummings said.

The pastor or Sunday School director of each church should call the director of missions or association Sunday school director (if no Director of Missions) on Sunday afternoon by 4 p.m., October 31.

The director of missions or association Sunday school director will call the state Sunday School director (354-3704) by 4 p.m., Nov. 1.

The state Sunday School director will call the Reach Out desk at the Sunday School Board by 4 p.m., November 3.

Rhodesia Reports. . . .

"We Saw The Mission Needs Of Rhodesia"

By Tommy Tutor, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Holly Springs

Rhodesia is a land of beauty and variety. In land size it is some larger than the state of Montana. The climate is tropical and semi-arid. The terrain varies from rolling hills and grasslands to majestic mountains and rain forests. Cattle, sheep, and goats are grown in an abundance. Crops include cotton, maize, wheat, tobacco, citrus fruit, and varied kinds of vegetables. Rhodesia exports more food than it consumes.

There is also great variety in the development of the country. There are some highly industrialized cities with all modern equipment and conveniences. While only a few miles away there are villages with customs and living conditions as they were 500 years ago.

There is on the one hand, both Europeans and Africans who have skilled training and education. But most of the Africans live with little education and much superstition. There is a real spiritual vacuum in the lives of many of Rhodesia's people.

There is a real and pressing need for the gospel to be carried to these people. Southern Baptists have been in Rhodesia since 1959. We now have some sixty-eight churches there with 10 to 12 thousand members. Eighty-four Southern Baptist missionaries and their families serve there. These people deserve and need our support. They are doing a great job under most difficult circumstances. The political situation is very unstable. The

direction of our work there is very dependent up the outcome of the political crisis which now exists in Rhodesia. It is my prayer that God will grant that His work may continue in this most needy area.

One of the great mission needs is for the gospel to be preached. New churches and preaching points need to be established. More pastors and missionaries are needed to man these jobs. The people are open and responsive to the gospel. Yet, there are areas where more than 100,000 Africans live without one church or preaching station to minister. These people need to hear the gospel and receive it.

Secondly, there is a real need for the African Christians to grow and mature. In these short years many have been won to Christ, but most still need to be developed. There can only be strong churches and ministry as strong Christians are developed. There is a core of people who are involved in helping to develop the African Christians, but many more are needed. The future of Christianity in Rhodesia is vitally connected with this particular part of ministry there. It has taken hard work, prayer, patience, and time for Christians to grow and develop. This is a pressing need in Rhodesia in view of the uncertainty of the future there.

Thirdly, there is a real need for medical ministry. Southern Baptists have a hospital in Sanyati and several clinics in Rhodesia. Dr. Giles Fort heads the hospital in Sanyati. He and his doctor wife have served there since 1953. He showed us through the hospital with a great deal of Christian

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Thomas Tutor, pastor of First Church, Holly Springs, Miss., teaches members of Amavani Baptist Church in Que Que, Rhodesia. He was one of 16 Southern Baptist pastors and leaders to participate in the month-long stewardship emphasis in Rhodesia churches. The trip was paid for by the individuals or state Baptist conventions and churches they represent, but coordinated through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. (FMB Photo by Gerald S. Harvey)

Committee Okays Fund Campaigns

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Cooperative Program Forum be continued to operate in cooperation with the task force authorized by the convention to assist in undergirding the denomination's "Bold Mission Thrust" projected for the last quarter of the century.

The Forum is comprised of representatives of SBC agencies and state conventions and coordinates Cooperative Program promotion, under the leadership of the SBC Stewardship Commission.

The Radio and Television Commission was given full responsibility for setting up closed circuit television image magnification for annual convention sessions, when needed, with the SBC Pastors' Conference and agencies of the convention reimbursing the commission for special services as they have in the past.

The Executive Committee approved an action to transfer \$30,000 each year to the Radio and Television Commission for the next three years for image magnification, which has been used at SBC annual sessions for the past three years.

Other Executive Committee business included granting of permission to the Sunday School Board to publish a new magazine, *Living with Children*, selection of the Atlanta Hilton as the 1978 SBC headquarters hotel, and adoption of resolutions on the retirement of six Southern Baptist leaders.

The committee expressed appreciation for the service of John P. Baker, who will retire Dec. 31 as executive secretary of the Northern Plains Baptist Convention; O. L. Bayless, who will retire February 28 as editor of the *Rocky Mountain Baptist*; Kendall Berry, who will retire Dec. 31 as the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation; C. E. Boyle, who will retire Dec. 31 as editor of the

Northwest Baptist; John J. Hurt Jr., who will retire early next year as editor of the *Baptist Standard*; and Arthur B. Rutledge, who will retire Dec. 31 as executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

Illinois Baptists Vote Fund Drive, Legislative Liaison

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. (BP) — Illinois Baptists' board of directors, meeting in semi-annual session at East Bay Camp near here, approved a special \$1 million campaign to provide seed money for new churches, named a legislative liaison to the Illinois General Assembly and adopted a 1977 Cooperative Program unified budget of \$2.3 million.

The board enlarged the responsibility of Robert J. Hastings, the IBSA's director of communications and editor of the *Illinois Baptist*, to serve as a liaison with the state legislature.

The role, a spokesman said, does not call for him to serve as a lobbyist but as a source of information only, leaving to the churches and the IBSA any initiative they may wish to take on legislative concerns.

Of a total annual budget of nearly \$4 million, the IBSA expects \$2.3 million to come through the state's Cooperative Program from participating churches, with the IBSA keeping 59 percent for its work and sending 41 percent, up one percent from 1976, to SBC causes.

The IBSA named a five-person committee to study the advisability of purchasing the East Bay Camp for \$335,654 and assuming a loan for the camp's sewage system of \$210,000.



2,000,000 Copies

Mrs. Ernestine Patterson (left), a member of Second Shiloh Baptist Church, Columbus, Ohio, recently purchased the 2,000,000th copy of the *Church Member's Handbook*, by Joe Odle, former editor of the *Baptist Record*. Mrs. Patterson is shown here with Myrtle Anderson, retiring manager of the Columbus Baptist Book Store. Broadman Press first published the "Church Member's Handbook" in 1941.

Mercer Names Comish Assistant To President

MACON, Ga. (BP) — Allen B. Comish of Nashville has been named assistant to the president for denominational relations at Mercer University, a Baptist school here, effective Jan. 1.

Comish, 55, who directed the church services and materials division at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board for five years before his recent resignation, will succeed the retiring P. Harris Anderson.

He will return to a state in which he was active in denominational affairs before joining the Sunday School Board for a second tour of duty in March, 1971.

Comish spent 16 years as an associate pastor and pastor in churches in Brunswick, Jonesboro and Columbus, Ga., interrupted by a period as both superintendent of intermediate work and training for the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department, 1955-59.

He has served as vice president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, moderator of the Columbus (Ga.) Baptist Association, and chairman of the Georgia Convention's executive, administrative and education committees. He was also a trustee of the Sunday School Board, 1967-71, and secretary-treasurer of the Southern

Baptist Pastors' Conference, 1968-69.

Comish is a graduate of Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond, and earned master and doctor of religious education degree respectively from New Orleans Seminary and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. Mercer conferred an honorary doctor of divinity degree on him in 1968.

Northeast Campus Dedicates New Center



Guests for the September 26 dedication service of the Baptist Student Center at Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Booneville, included college president Harold T. White, standing at left.



Guest speaker, Charles Roselle, director of National Student Ministries for the Baptist Sunday School Board, explains that student work is a "response to our Lord's command to make known the gospel to all men." Campus minister for Northeast Mississippi Junior College, Joe Cobb, sits at his left.

Committee Recommends SBC Ballot Disclosure

NASHVILLE (BP) — The Southern Baptist Executive Committee's public relations advisory committee recommended unanimously here that all vote totals on ballots taken at Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meetings be made public.

The recommendation grew out of a motion at the 1976 SBC sessions in Norfolk by Jim Newton of Memphis. He asked for the full disclosure of ballot vote totals, which have not previously been released at SBC sessions.

The advisory committee's recommendation will be referred to the Executive Committee's administrative subcommittee for consideration at the Executive Committee's February meeting in Nashville.

In other action, the public relations advisory committee appointed a special subcommittee to study a motion

made in Norfolk by Ray Hodge, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kinston, N. C. He called for development of a special logo or art symbol which could be used to identify Southern Baptist churches. The Executive Committee asked the advisory group to look into the matter.

James M. Sapp of the SBC Home Mission Board, Atlanta, will chair the special subcommittee.

The public relations advisory committee elected Robert Duck of the Alabama Baptist Convention, Montgomery, as chairperson; Jennifer Bryon of the SBC Sunday School Board's book store division, Nashville, as vice chairperson; and William H. Boatwright of the North Carolina Baptist Convention, Raleigh, as secretary.

The committee's next meeting is set for February 21, 1977, at the Southern Baptist Convention Building, Nashville.

Indiana Baptists Defeat Encampment Fund Drive

INDIANAPOLIS (BP) — A proposal to conduct a \$2 million capital funds drive for the development of Highland Lakes Baptist Center was soundly defeated by elected messengers to the first special called session in the 18 year history of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

The campaign had been proposed by the convention's executive committee and a Highland Lakes development committee as a way to complete the facility on the 400-acre site located 25 miles southwest of Indianapolis. The master plan of development, approved by the convention in 1972, calls for all types of facilities at the camping, conference, and retreat center.

The motion to conduct a capital funds campaign lost by a vote of 176-108. An earlier procedural motion from the campaign steering committee was approved stating that a 75 percent approving vote would be necessary before the fund drive would be attempted.

The drive would have asked individuals to give a "share" which would be \$1 dollar per day for 3 years. The proposed goal would have been 2,000 shares.

The fund drive was proposed as an alternative to the financial plan approved by the 1972 state convention, which would have paid for facilities with funds borrowed over an eight-year period. However, inflation in construction costs would have raised the proposal from \$1.3 million to over \$2 million.



Carl Basden, campus BSU president, solos during a performance of the BSU's special ensemble. More than 175 persons attended the service.

Reid Jogs Off Pounds And Miles

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tion, Greer reported, but his weight has dropped from 153 to 145 pounds. "He's trying to eat a lot and is taking two vitamins daily to keep up his strength," Greer said.

Reid, a 68-year-old missionary to Mexico, was 18 miles ahead of schedule when he arrived here. He plans to reach Richmond in time to be honored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in ceremonies for retiring missionaries Oct. 11.

After reaching Charlotte on Sept. 17, Reid spoke and gave demonstrations of his physical prowess at the regional correction center. Thirteen made professions of faith.

In rallies in Atlanta before he left, more than 50 accepted Christ. Mrs. Reid, who is keeping in touch with her husband by phone from their home in Greenville, S. C., said Reid reported 21 professions of faith in Concord, where he spent Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 18-19.

"I told him not to overwork," Mrs. Reid explained by telephone. "He's just so thrilled over the results and over the way everybody has cooperated in making all this possible."

No figures were available yet on the total decisions made or money collected for relief during the first half of the run.

Singles Draft Proposals For Churches And Agencies

NASHVILLE (BP) — Single adults, meeting in simultaneous Single Adult Conferences at the two Southern Baptist conference centers in Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., adopted a series of recommendations for consideration by Southern Baptist churches and agencies.

For the first time, the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's Sunday School department asked for the single adult recommendations and will study them.

Single adult committees presented the recommendations to 1,245 of their number at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center and some 2,000 at Glorieta Baptist Conference Center.

Both committees expressed need for increased support materials, specifically in the form of a leisure-reading periodical for single adults. Also, it was noted that Bible study curriculum applications should more closely consider the lifestyles of singles.

Training emerged as a needed priority, with the Ridgecrest singles requesting the Sunday School Board to train selected lay single adults as specialists to assist churches and associations in single adult work. The Glorieta recommendations committee requested a task force from the convention, which would function to assist in formulating local church ministries to singles.

Both committees recognized the importance of single adult work at all denominational levels, from Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) agencies to the local church. The Sunday School Board was asked to define and communicate areas of responsibility for single adult work assigned to its various departments.

All state Baptist conventions were

asked to provide materials and personnel for single adult work, as well as a list of resource persons on state and local levels.

Associations of churches were asked to develop guidelines for a referral list of Christian experts in the fields of law, medicine and other areas of everyday concern.

Committee members noted the reciprocal relationship of the local church to single adults, in that singles need both to be ministered to and the opportunity to minister. Singles were encouraged to participate in available training sessions, and church leaders were asked to be aware of qualified singles who want to serve in the total ministry of the church.

Ridgecrest committee members voiced a need for indepth Bible study opportunities to be made available by the local church on weekdays.

Other areas of concern were the identity and visibility of singles within the local church, criteria for churches to determine whether they need a singles ministry, and publicity of single adult work.

Laura Styles of Atlanta, Ga., presided over the Ridgecrest committee and David Potts of Fort Worth led the Glorieta committee. Leaders of the Sunday School Board's Sunday School department chose a random sample of churches, and staff members within each church recommended the committee representative.

During the three-day conferences, committee members were available to receive ideas and suggestions from conferees.

Many wise words are spoken in jest, but they don't compare with the number of foolish words spoken in earnest.



Porter Routh Honored

Mr. Edmund F. Wagner (left), president of the American Bible Society, presents a copy of the 500th Anniversary Pictorial Census of the Gutenberg Bible to Dr. Porter Routh, who is completing 25 years of service as secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The presentation was made to Dr. Routh in recognition of his distinguished service to his denomination and to the Bible cause. Dr. Routh has been a member of the Bible Society's Board of Managers since 1967.

Half Of U.S. Protestants Included

The latest nationwide Gallup survey shows one person in three (34 percent) saying he or she has been "born again" — that is, has had a turning point in her or his life when they committed themselves to Jesus Christ. This figure projects to nearly 50 million Americans, 18 and over.

Among Protestants alone, nearly half (48 percent) say they are "born again" Christians, which projects to 43 million adults.

Although a wide range of churches define themselves as "evangelical," a "born again" fundamentalist has an outlook or state of mind which pervades the membership of many

churches, including the Roman Catholic church. About one in five (18 percent) of Catholics says he or she has had a "born again" experience.

A high proportion of "born again" Christians also have a literal interpretation of the Bible and a belief that one has an urgent duty to spread the faith—to witness. An evangelical or "born again" Christian also places great emphasis on the personal relationship between the individual and God. In addition, they believe in a strict moral code.

The survey shows four in 10 persons nationwide (38 percent), nearly one-half of Protestants (46 percent), and

about one-third of Catholics (31 percent) believing the Bible to be the actual word of God and to be taken literally. These results indicate that fundamentalism is still a very powerful force in religion in America.

To measure conversion efforts, or witnessing, the Gallup Poll asked a sample of the nation's adults if they have ever tried to encourage someone to believe in Jesus Christ or to accept Him as their Savior.

A remarkably high proportion answered in the affirmative—47 percent. The figure is even higher among Protestants alone—58 percent.

A far higher proportion of persons

of the evangelical group of churches than among the non-evangelical or mainline denominations have had a "born again" experience, hold a literal interpretation of the Bible, and witness to their faith.

The greater missionary zeal of the evangelical group of churches may be an important reason why these churches are experiencing a spectacular growth in membership while certain mainline churches are experiencing serious membership losses.

Taken from the Jackson Clarion Ledger.

Seminary Expects Decreased Rolls

Registration for Mississippi Baptist Seminary's Central Center begins in Jackson today, with an expected small enrollment because of the school's loss of its Veteran's Administration contract.

T. B. Brown, president of the seminary reported that the seminary failed to keep at least 15 percent of its enrollment as non-veterans, a percentage necessary for students to receive benefits. More than 220 of last year's 250 students received the GI benefits.

"We'll go on with it even if we have only 30 or 40 students," said Brown.

The seminary, established 34 years ago and supported by both National and Southern Baptists, has had over 2,000 preachers take its courses. Approximately 22 other centers will be in operation around the state this year expecting 1,200-1,500 enrollment.

The yoke of God will never fit a stiff neck. All the world lives in two tents: content and discontent.

Fairview Calls Gene Henderson

Fairview Church, Columbus, has welcomed as pastor, Walter E. (Gene) Henderson. Henderson moved to Columbus from Gallie Church, Zachary, Louisiana. He has also served as pastor in Sunflower, Carrollton, and Senatobia.

Mr. Henderson and his wife, Dorothy, are the parents of four children: Gina, 14; Page, 13; Dawn, 12; and Chip, 9. Mrs. Henderson is the former Dorothy Brown of Marks.

A graduate of Northwest Junior College, Mississippi College, and New Orleans Seminary, he will receive his Doctor of Theology degree this year.

Indy Whitten's Visit To Russia Is An Emotional Event

By Indy (Mrs. Charles W.) Whitten

MOSCOW (BP) — The seat belt sign flashed on in Russian and in English. I felt excitement, anticipation, plus a little anxiety as the Soviet Union airliner touched down.

The first stop was Leningrad. During a tour, our guide, a young Russian woman of Korean descent, explained the history of the city, calling it the cradle of three revolutions.

Later, the three of us — my husband, myself and our 15-year-old son — looked out our window at the street behind the hotel. We became excited each time a Russian-looking person came into view, especially when we saw a family with a baby carriage and two children pulling at their mother's skirt. We saw as much as we could in

Leningrad on the planned tour, but when Sunday came we were determined to be in the Leningrad Baptist Church.

The church building, given to the Baptists, was small and cathedral-like, once belonging to the Russian Orthodox Church. In the churchyard people were standing together in groups, rejoicing in each other's presence. We met the pastor and several other smiling happy people. They spoke no English and we no Russian, but soon an interpreter was found.

The Christian people in the Soviet Union are truly a "colony of heaven" in an atheistic society. Their appearance and actions are different and they love differently. The church has 3,000 members and must hold three services each Sunday to accommodate the

people, each service lasting more than two hours.

During the singing, special music and three sermons, the people pass forward written prayer requests. Twice I saw the pastor raise these pieces of paper above his head and ask God to respond as he knew best.

There was no aisle. The whole church, wall-to-wall, was full of people. The balcony was packed. People spilled over into the street. At first, I thought those standing must be tired, then I saw them rotate; with a smile and a nod those standing took a seat and those seated stood.

They didn't have enough Bibles and hymn books. Several people were trying to keep up with the scripture passage, writing it down as quickly as

possible. When the choir director sang "Saved" in Russian, I wept to see a woman writing desperately to capture all the words.

The Moscow Baptist Church, with 5,000 members, also has several long services each Sunday and three services on week nights, choir practices and youth activities. We were surprised but pleased to learn that 18 to 20 percent of the congregations are young people.

Sergei Nikolaev, associate pastor of the Leningrad church, told us there are 550,000 members in 5,000 churches in the U.S.S.R. and six officially recognized "house churches" in Leningrad and 16 in Moscow.

We also spoke with Valentina Ryndina, interpreter of the international

department of the Moscow Baptist Church. Miss Ryndina and Nikolaev said nothing about government restrictions, however officially registered churches in the U.S.S.R. continued to operate under government regulations so their proclamation of the gospel will not be hampered.

In theory they are allowed to ask permission to print Bibles and hymn books, but there are many obstacles. "A tourist can bring in one Bible, one New Testament, and one hymn book with no complications," they said. "If they do this, we are always glad and thankful because we do not have enough."

Our tour guide in Moscow told about her religion. "I am in the youth group of the U.S.S.R. and we have no religion. I have no faith. If I want to do

something of this type, I just go to the tombs of our national heroes."

Many others feel the same. Long lines waited to see the mausoleum of Lenin in Red Square. We saw many young couples come to that area to leave their wedding flowers at the tomb.

In philosophy and practice, I've never been so far from home. If we had not met and worshipped with the Baptists there, we would have come away under a heavy burden of sadness and pessimism.

My hope for the future is in the God many people in the U.S.S.R. still love and serve. It may be only a remnant, but what a remnant.

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Whitten is a Southern Baptist missionary to Spain, from Mississippi.)

Newsbriefs In The



World Of Religion

New York (RNS) — The American Lutheran Church contributed \$301,626 to the American Bible Society during the first seven months of 1976, ranking it above the Southern Baptist Convention for the first time in 13 years. Southern Baptists were in second place with \$163,116, while the United Methodist Church ranked third with \$89,282.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — The number of families headed by women who do not have husbands present in the home has increased 33 percent from 1970 to 1976, according to a report issued here by the Bureau of the Census.

New York (RNS) — Following the trend of Sunday business set by many major retail stores, a Long Island community bank has started offering services seven days a week.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Thomas Kilgore, Jr., has become the leader of a second U.S. Baptist denomination. In 1970 he was president of the American Baptist Churches. Now, he has been elected to a two-year term as head of the Progressive National Baptist Convention. Kilgore's congregation, Second Baptist in Los Angeles, is aligned with both bodies.

Montreal, N. C. (EP) — Evangelist Billy Graham denied that relations with Campus Crusade for Christ and its founder, Bill Bright, had cooled. "I have supported the Campus Crusade... since it began and I completely support their evangelical zeal," Graham said. He had bowed out of the Oct. 26-29 National Prayer Congress, according to a Dallas-Herald story, because he didn't want to be drawn into Bright's political stance.

Toronto, Ont. (RNS) — Ontario's Education Minister Thomas Wells has ruled that suburban North York's board of education can't integrate the Associated Hebrew Schools into the public system because religious studies would not be optional.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — Twenty-four members of Congress have asked Attorney General Edward H. Levi to meet with experts on "brainwashing" to discuss the "involvement of young Americans in pseudo-religious cults."

London (RNS) — Queen Elizabeth, the titular leader of the Church of England, has joined millions of her subjects in condemning as "obnoxious" the plan of Danish film executive Jens Jorgen Thorsen to make a motion picture here on the "sex life" of Jesus Christ.

Minneapolis (RNS) — The 3-million member Episcopal Church has officially opened its priesthood and episcopate to women.

Washington, D. C. (RNS) — While the total enrollment in the nation's public elementary and secondary schools, colleges and universities is expected to drop slightly this fall, enrollments in non-public (mostly religiously-affiliated) institutions is expected to rise slightly. The estimated total enrollment in the three levels of public educational institutions is 60,098,000 this fall, compared with 60,163,000 a year ago. For comparable non-public institutions, the totals are 7,708,000 this fall and 7,666,000 for the fall of 1975.

New Delhi (RNS) — Mother Teresa of Calcutta, the famed missionary to the destitute and dying in India, is reportedly taking an active role in Catholic Church efforts opposing the growing sterilization campaign sponsored by the government of Indira Gandhi.

Vatican City (RNS) — In a decree easing a centuries-old ban, the Vatican ruled that public celebrations of Roman Catholic Mass can be allowed for deceased persons baptized in other churches so long as the local bishop states there is "no scandal for the faithful."

Geneva (RNS) — An Evangelical Lutheran Church bishop from Rhodesia reported here that Swedish missionaries are leaving that African country for fear that their sons will be called up for military service with the Rhodesian army to fight black nationalist groups.

Sydney (RNS) — Arthur Blessitt, a Southern Baptist evangelist who carries a ten-foot collapsible cross on foot as part of his ministry, has arrived here to begin a walk through eastern Australia. Blessitt, who has carried his cross in North America, Europe, and Africa, has reportedly logged 15,000 miles.

Owen Cooper To Be Guest On NBC's "Tomorrow"

NBC has asked Owen Cooper of Yazoo City to be on the "Tomorrow" show. Mr. Cooper's appearance on the show will be Tuesday night, October 12, midnight Central Standard Time, and 1 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. The invitation from NBC came as a result of an interview of Mr. Cooper in New Times Magazine in which he was asked about Jimmy Carter, Southern Baptists, Barn Agals, etc.

"Logs are chopped down in the summer and burned in the winter. Autumn is the testing time."

WMU And Brotherhood Chart Joint Strategy

ROGERSVILLE, Ala. (BP) — National staffs of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission pooled their muscles for boosting missions education during a joint retreat here.

The proposals for strategy planning will ultimately be reported to the Southern Baptist Convention and its Executive Committee.

Leaders also charted a "bold mission" leadership conference at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center, July 9-15, 1977. The two missions organizations will offer training in major projects for the SBC's 1977-79 emphasis on bold mission.

Brotherhood and WMU will jointly sponsor new approaches to study, prayer, and support of missions during the emphasis. The bold mission leadership conference will be beamed to pastors, church staff, associational directors of missions, Brotherhood leaders, WMU leaders, church missions committees, and others who will lead the bold mission activities in churches.

Long Beach Calls Duncan

The Rev. Bill Duncan of Picayune has accepted a call by First Church of Long Beach to serve as pastor, according to John Thompson, chairman of the church pulpits committee.

Duncan, who has been serving as pastor of First Church of Picayune, is a native of Collins.

He graduated from Mississippi College and later attended New Orleans Seminary where he received the bachelor of divinity degree. He is nearing completion of requirements leading to the doctor of ministry degree as granted by the New Orleans seminary.

He was ordained to preach by Calvary Church, Pascagoula. He was associate pastor of First Church, Greenville 1962-64 and pastor of Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport, 1964-65. For three years, he served with the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, working with the Sunday School Department and with the Baptist Record. He was pastor of First Church, Brandon before accepting the pastorate of First, Picayune in 1972.

Since 1967, he has written a weekly commentary on the Life and Work Sunday School lessons, for the Baptist Record.

He has served two years as Chairman of the Christian Action Commission and six years on the Baptist Record Advisory Committee.

He is married to the former Marion Duckworth of Biloxi. The Duncans have three sons, John, 13; Mark, 8; and David, 6. They have moved to the church parsonage at 123 East Azalea Drive in Long Beach.

In addition, during the Glorieta conference, WMU and Brotherhood will offer a full range of training for their officers and their leaders. The two organizations will jointly stage evening sessions.

"The shared conference at Glorieta is evidence that Brotherhood and WMU are joining to expand missions support in churches," said Carolyn Weatherford and Glendon McCullough, executive directors of WMU and Brotherhood respectively in a joint statement. "We will put more force behind joint sponsoring of churchwide missions activities in order to involve people who are not now on WMU or Brotherhood roles. At the same time we will expand our distinctive activities for men and for women," they said.

The 36 WMU and Brotherhood staff members discussed mutual concerns in camping, missions organizations on college campuses, promoting the home and foreign missions graded series of mission books WMU and Brotherhood in language churches, and maintaining missions organizations in small churches. Task forces laid plans for prayer and study and study projects that will be promoted jointly during the bold missions emphasis in 1977-79.

Both executives addressed the staffs on "winds and trends" affecting the organizations. They mentioned the woman's movement growing missions interest in the denomination's grass roots, para-churches groups and interdenominationalism, renewal evangelism, changing worship habits, needs of senior citizens, crisis in the family, and the "minister in the pew" or lay persons in missions.

Following discussions of how Brotherhood and WMU might deal with these forces, Miss Weatherford said, "We haven't decided anything yet, except each other to confront these challenges."

Owen Named...

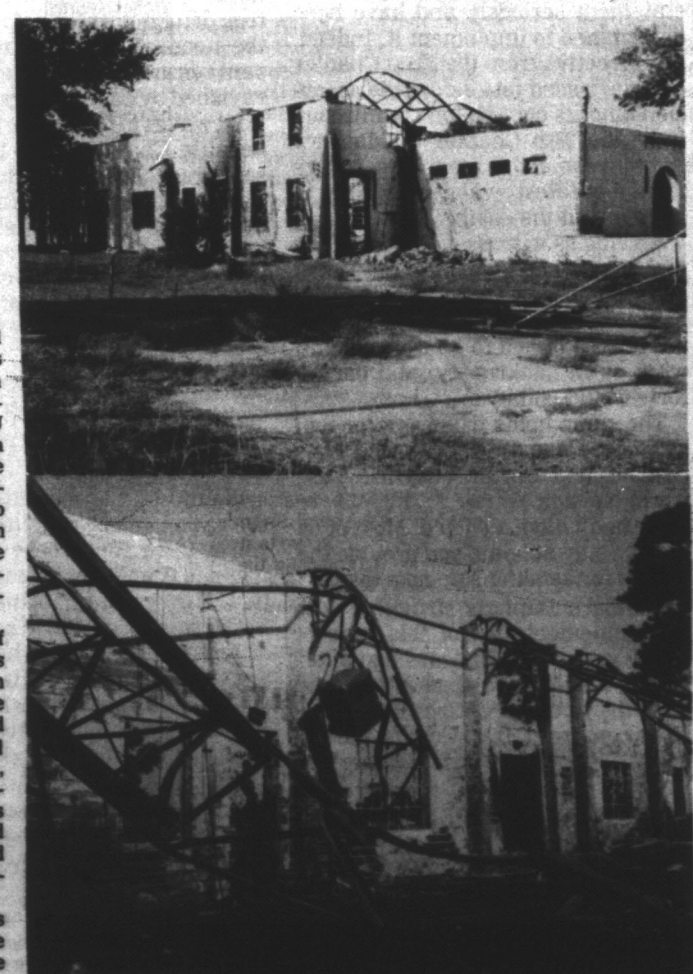
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The Merkle, Tex., native previously served on the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, 1968-74. He was associate director of the board's division of associational services when he joined the Colorado staff.

He has also held pastorates in Texas, Arizona, and California and has directed associational missions in western Colorado and North and South Dakota.

The Northern Plains Convention, organized in 1967, is among the younger of the 33 state or regional conventions in the 131-year-old Southern Baptist Convention. According to 1975 statistics, it has 16,408 members in 96 churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Wyoming. The SBC has 12.7 million members in 34,992 churches in 50 states.

Owen is a former U.S. Marine and is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.



Gym Future To Be Determined Soon

Fate of the twice-struck gymnasium at Gulfshore assembly at Pass Christian will be determined in early October by engineers architects and insurance agents related to the construction project, according to Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

The gym, which survived Hurricane Camille's 1969 destruction of the Baptist state assembly grounds was partially destroyed by fire last Monday, Sept. 20, by a fire of unspecified origin. It was being renovated as an auditorium and classroom building.

Work on the rest of the \$3.75 million project will continue.

Academic Credit To Be Given At MC For Christmas Tour Of Holy Land

A nine-day tour of the Holy Land will be conducted during the Christmas recess by Dr. William W. Stevens, chairman of the Division of Religion at Mississippi College, with college credit being offered. Students from throughout the state of Mississippi are invited to participate.

Dr. Stevens said the pilgrimage to the Holy Lands would run Dec. 28 through Jan. 5 and is being labeled a Southwestern Bicentennial Bible Conference. It is sponsored by Meier International Study League, Inc. The cost for the nine-day trip will be \$799, including air far, from the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

Students can receive three semester hours of academic credit for the trip by enrolling in Bible 440 at Mississippi College. The course is entitled Geography and Culture of the Biblical Lands.

After departing by jet, the tour group will visit Amman, Petra, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Masada, Megiddo, Galilee, Tiberias, Nazareth, Haifa, Caesarea and other points.

Stevens said special group seminars are planned, with participants making the Biblical sites "come alive" as they relate their spiritual truths to life today. A professor from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary will

provide special lectures throughout the tour.

Interested persons may contact Dr. Stevens by writing P. O. Box 12, Clinton, MS., 39056 or calling 924-5981 or 924-5131 ext. 218 for brochure and other information.

Tennessee Elects...

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city and earned a bachelor of arts degree from Mercer University, Macon, Ga., a bachelor of arts degree in journalism from the University of Georgia, Athens, and a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Shackelford is a member of the Southern Baptist Historical Society and previously served on the board of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission. He is a former chairman of the Public Relations Advisory Committee of the SBC Executive Committee, former secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Press Association and former president of the Central Indiana Chapter of the Religious Public Relations Council.

He is married to the former Tommy Griffith of Fort Worth and has two children.

Rhodesia Reports

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pride. During the month of July he and his wife saw more than 2,800 outpatients. Their ministry in helping to meet the physical needs of the people is gigantic. Yet, tens of thousands who have physical needs are not being met.

Finally, there is a mission need to help educate the people of Rhodesia. Here again we as Southern Baptists have started. We have an elementary and secondary school in the Sanyati Mission. These schools have more than 500 students. Yet, this is but a small scratch on the surface of the existing need for education. Generally the people need to learn the basis of education. Also, many have needs to learn personal hygiene, family care, family planning, etc. So many things which we take for granted, many in Rhodesia simply have never known. It is my belief that we are responsible for sharing the gospel of Christ, and also, we are responsible for sharing the many blessings which accompany this salvation. This we can do by giving of material blessing and remembering these people and their needs in prayer. It, also, is important that we be willing to go and pray that God will send laborers to meet these pressing needs in Rhodesia.



Christian Life Commission Officers

The newly elected officers of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention are welcomed by Foy Valentine (r), Commission Executive Secretary, during the recent annual meeting. They are (left to right): Chevis F. Horne, pastor, First Baptist Church, Martinsville, Virginia, who was elected secretary; John S. Harris, pastor, Pineville Park Baptist Church, Pineville, Louisiana, was elected vice-chairman; and Forrest H. Siler, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lawton, Oklahoma, was named chairman of the Commission. (Photo by Floyd Craig)

Revival Dates

Calvary, Jackson: October 3-8; J. D. Grey, pastor emeritus, First Church, New Orleans, evangelist; Bobbye Wood, student at Carey College, reigning "Miss Mississippi," to sing and give her Christian testimony at all services on the first two days; music under direction of Jacques Kearns, baritone soloist, minister of music at First Church, Augusta, Georgia, and former minister of music at Alta Woods, Jackson; Joe Tuten, pastor; Sunday services at 8:15 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 7:30 p.m.; Mon.-Fri. at 12 noon and 7 p.m.; noon day services to be in the new church dining room, beginning with lunch and followed by a message by Dr. Grey to be terminated at 1 p.m.; luncheon tickets \$1.50.

Beacon Church, Hattiesburg: Sept. 29-Oct. 3; guest evangelist Joe Kite, presently pastor Immanuel Church, Morgan City, La.; guest music director, Greg Klemitz; Wayne Kite, pastor.

Emmanuel Church, Greenville: October 3-8; Bible Conference on Prophecy and Evangelism; Friends of Israel Gospel Ministry, Inc., of West Collingswood, New Jersey, in charge; Marvin Rosenthal, Stanley Rosenthal, David Levy, and Fred Hartman, Jr., leaders; four services a day, at 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.; Hugh A. Martin, Emmanuel pastor.

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Witnessing Through Cooperation

"You shall be my witnesses," the Master said, "both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Baptists have always taken this statement seriously and have been determined to implement it. Indeed, this directive from the First Chapter of Acts, issued just before the ascension, and its companion commission from the 28th Chapter of Matthew have become the marching orders for the greatest evangelical body to be found on the earth.

Serving as witnesses in Hong Kong and Manila and Salisbury and Tokyo and Saigon and Beirut is not easy, however; and most of us just can't go. If we all tried to go we would all wind up in bankruptcy, and our efforts would collapse.

The same holds true even for San Francisco and New York and New Orleans and Carlin. (Carlin? Yes; it's in Nevada.)

We don't have a choice. Most of us have to stay at home and provide the means for sending someone else.

Southern Baptists struggled with the implementation of this concept for 80 years until 50 years ago a formula was adopted that established stability for the entire denominational program. It was called the Cooperative Program, and October has been set aside through the Southern Baptist Convention to give emphasis to it.

Through the past 50 years cooperation has become a watchword for Southern Baptists, and the Cooperative Program has enabled a loose-knit coalition of independent churches to pool their efforts and their resources for the glory of God and accomplish marvelous things all over the earth.

We have, indeed, been witnesses in "the remotest part of the earth."

We have witnessed the love of Christ by digging wells in foreign lands where irrigation and disease-free drinking water help to illustrate the need of living water. We have sent immediate relief to lands ravished by earthquakes, floods, and tidal waves to tell people that we care because Christ lives in us. We have sent preachers and teachers and doctors and nurses and farmers and musicians and businessmen. We have sent and we will keep on sending because the Cooperative Program is a never-ending means of channeling the river of life to the unbeliever.

But the Cooperative Program is more than money to send missionaries overseas. It would be worthwhile if that were all it did, but it is not.

We must have people to go across the nation and around the world. We select them from those who volunteer and train them through cooperation. If every church which could afford it were to decide to send a group of missionaries somewhere without any coordination with the other churches, the whole effort would stumble along ineffectively if there were not enough missionaries or would fall apart in confusion if there were too many to support.

Therefore, we cooperate in setting up agencies to handle the selection of missionaries and other matters according to policies that we set forth. Through cooperation we have established training centers for those and other students. We have an unexcelled system of colleges and seminaries for training our vocational workers and providing a Chris-

tian education for those who will be engaged in their support. The Cooperative Program provides continuing training for church members so that they can continue to provide adequate support for missions efforts and so that they can raise their children in the best religious education environment possible in our churches. It helps to provide health care for untold thousands who are ill and hurting.

Yes, the Cooperative Program is a marvelous concept. It has served Southern Baptists well over the past 50 years as we have sought to use it in the service of the Lord. Through the Cooperative Program we have been able to accomplish victories we could not have dreamed of without it.

Let us not fail to pass the word on the succeeding generations as to its ministry and effectiveness. We cannot afford to let this chain become weakened.

The psalmist said, "Walk about Zion, and go around her; Count her towers; Consider her ramparts; Go through her palaces; That you may tell it to the next generation. For such is God, Our God forever and ever; He will guide us until death."

We must continue to pass along the concept of cooperation from generation to generation, continuing to refine the process as we can, so that we always will be able to continue our witness "to the remotest part of the earth."

Let us not confuse the vehicle for providing a witness with the witness itself. The Cooperative Program is just the vehicle, but it is a dynamic one.

Those of us staying "in Jerusalem" must be the witnesses where we are.



He Has The Healing Balm

Faces And Places

By Anne Washburn McWilliams

As I stood on a bluff in Memphis and looked at the Mississippi River through a haze of autumn sunlight, I thought of a little book I have read and re-read. The writer, Don Ian Smith, is a Methodist preacher who lives in Idaho. "Life is a river of no return," he says.

Troubles are like the sandbars I saw jutting out of the low-lying Mississippi last Sunday. Joys, like the goldenrods along the high banks, spring up at unexpected places. But as Mr. Smith said, "With a confident faith in God, we go with gladness down the river, free of worry about tomorrow, free to enjoy the scenery."

I entered a little chapel beside the river and found a Bible on the altar, open at I Corinthians 13, the love chapter. I thought, "Our journey downriver is much smoother because of the people who steer their boats with the rudder of love."

Martyrs' Park, where I was standing, is dedicated to the memory of heroes and heroines who gave their lives serving victims of yellow fever. In 1878, when 17,500 people of Memphis became ill with the fever, more than 5,000 died. Many who unselfishly nursed the sick became ill, too, and died. Their acts of love and courage merited the gratitude of Memphis and of the world. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).

W. D. and I stopped at 406 White Station Road where we were met at the door by a distinguished looking gentleman with close-cropped white beard and an ebony cane. Then for a delightful two hours we talked with William Hafford Berry and Olga, his wife of 55 years. As Southern Baptist missionaries, the Berrys shared the "water of life" with the people of Brazil for 41 years. During his last twelve years in Brazil Mr. Berry was director of the Department of History and Statistics of the Brazilian Baptist Sunday School Board. Since the couple's retirement in 1963 they have lived in Memphis. He showed me the original manuscript of his "Confessions of a Missio-

nary," 1760 pages of material about Brazil, plus 204 pages of general index!

Though we cannot actually go back to a part of the river we have already run, we can go back in our memories. Saturday I went to the fall workshop of Mississippi Press Women, held at Floewood River Plantation, beside the Yazoo River at Greenwood. As W. D. and I were looking at "life as it was lived in the Old South," we stopped at the laundry house where I saw an old black washtub that reminded me of Grandma Allen.

Her name was Zalemmah Parilee Langley Allen, and they called her Lemmah. She would build a fire under her washtub every Monday morning and carry wood to keep the fire going while the white clothes bubbled merrily in the boiling water.

Every once in a while, she would take the scalded wooden paddle and fish out a couple of items and transfer them to the padding block. Dripping a trail of water and soap suds she sloshed clothes onto the smooth, slick surface. Then Grandma would take the paddle and begin to beat the red Alabama dirt. "Cleanliness is godliness." If she said it once, she said it a thousand times. My sister Betty and I wore Grandma's war with dirt. It meant more work for us when she came to visit at our house. "Bring more water!" she would demand, as she rinsed the clothes in the tubs under the chinaberry tree. One or the other of us would wind the squeaking windlass as fast as we possibly could and reel in another fresh bucketful of water from the well. If she were living today I expect she'd like to take a lot of us and give us a good scrubbing—outside, and inside.

Sunday morning at Bellevue Church Dr. Adrian Rogers preached on Romans 8:28. He said, "God is working all things together for the good of the Christian—not that he might be healthy, or that he might be happy, but that he might be holy, becoming more and more like the Lord Jesus."

A worthy goal for the journey.

a part of me is there to express the love of Christ.—Clifton J. Allen.

The Cooperative Program is a power booster. In a day of energy shortages and the demand for conservation, the plan of mission support given to Southern Baptists through the Holy Spirit enables us to utilize our resources to the maximum efficiency. Unlike the concern in the material energy crisis, there is no lack of vision of unlimited future spiritual power. There is, however, concern that the material resources through which God has chosen to work be used in such a manner as to achieve the fullest possible effectiveness. The power of God knows no other limitation than the willingness of man to be an effective instrument.—Jim Graves.

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Letters To The Editor

Helping The Missionaries Go Around

Dear Sir:

Furlough time is coming up again. So is the time for the annual emphasis on foreign missions in our churches. This missionary finds himself with a familiar frustration: that of not being able to "go around" as he would like to.

When a missionary is on furlough, he enjoys nothing more than "going around" to the churches sharing what the Lord is doing on his field and through his ministry. This was the joy of Paul and Barnabas when they returned to the church that had "released them" when the Holy Spirit had sent them out—returned to share what God had done, and during 2,000 years, the missionaries have found a fulfilling joy as they have "gone around" sharing with the people who have sustained them with their praying and their giving.

But here's the frustration—the missionary can't always "go around" like he would like to be able to He is just one person—and often the invitations are many. This is especially true during the time of foreign mission emphasis that precedes the great Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Many missionaries find their Sundays committed for the latter part of November and the first part of December long before this time of the year comes (the frustration often continues into January when he sometimes feels the most unwanted and unneeded of all God's creatures).

Churches also share in this frustration for many find that there are not enough missionaries to "go around" to fill all the needs. There are thousands of churches and never more than a few hundred foreign missionaries home at any given time.

Is there a solution to this problem? Well, I can think of a few. Would you allow this missionary to offer some suggestions that can help the missionaries "go around."

First, consider a day other than Sunday. There are too few of them but we can increase our possibilities six-fold if we consider having a missions emphasis on another day. Why not a Wednesday evening prayer for foreign missions service with a missionary present to share in the service? Why not another night of the week? One of the most meaningful ways I know to take advantage of another night is through a foreign missions banquet. I have shared in the fellowship and inspiration of a number of these and feel that too few churches have considered this significant means of reaching their people with an evening's message of foreign missions in pleasant surroundings (the only thing that can suffer here is the missionary's waistline).

Another solution is that of several churches in a city or community sharing a missionary. Often a missionary will travel several hours to speak to one church when two or three neighboring churches could share in the occasion. Why not a Sunday afternoon foreign mis-

sions rally including several churches or an association? Why not a weekend mini-world missions conference with the missionary speaking to several churches on a previously arranged schedule.

Finally, help the missionary "go around" the rest of the year too. Let him share through January Bible studies, revival meetings, special retreats, Vacation Bible Schools, WMU and men's meetings at local, associational and state levels.

Here is a missionary who wants to "go around." Help me do it.

—William L. Morgan
Missionary to Brazil

A Tribute To Charlie Chance

Dear Sir:

Quarterly Baptist Brotherhood conferences come and go—apparently at times as just some other event. But not so with the most recent session, held at Carson Baptist Church, September 13, 1976. It was something out of the ordinary—not just reading of the minutes, checking the attendance of each church and listening to a sometimes casual speaker.

This time it was something special and the reason was Charlie Chance, long-time director

of the Jefferson Davis County Brotherhood. Mounting the platform, reading an appropriate scripture text, announcing his subject and plunging directly into the heart of his message was unlike any other session in a long time. It was unparalleled in its substance and effect.

Charlie Chance appealed to his audience in a tone of sincerity and dedication; and used the most fluent language in doing so. He admonished his listeners to get down on their knees daily and pray to God for forgiveness and mercy in the days to come. He warned that God would not long tolerate sinful acts of man, and would not only hold them responsible but the nation as well.

As he spoke, there was rapt attention. Everybody, it seemed, was eager for the next words to fall from his lips. The quietness of the atmosphere, the solemnity of the occasion, and the apparent desire of the audience for some more of the same, overwhelmed the gathering to such an extent the fall of a pin probably could have been heard in the sanctuary.

Yes, Charlie Chance; you did well; and, without a doubt, you inspired the congregation to live nobler and more Christ-like lives.

Kirby Tyrone

Jefferson Davis Association

An additional note from Mr. Tyrone explains that Mr. Chance is very seriously ill.—Editor.

On The Moral Scene

SPONSORED VIOLENCE—The Preceding Violence Has Been Brought to You by the Makers of... The singing hamburger helpers who do it all for you, the wholesome women who know just what to serve with milk and the happy people feelin' free with Pepsi are certainly innocuous enough; but did you know that the people who beam them into your living room every day also put a greater proportion of their money into TV violence than nearly anyone else? With the help of 279 developmental psychology students at the University of Washington who monitored an entire week of network TV programming, counting the number of violence episodes in each show and nothing the commercial sponsors, Ronald G. Slaby, Gary R. Quarfoth, and Gene A. McConachie compiled a list of 65 advertisers, all of whom paid for at least 60 minutes of air time a week, and rated them according to their share of the mayhem... While McDonalds and PepsiCo averaged between 12 and 23 violent episodes per hour of advertising during the week studied and were among the top 10... the investigators believe that the sponsors are probably unaware of all the violence they pay

for. Most corporations purchase advertising time on the basis of Nielsen ratings, they explain, without regard for program content. "Thus, most companies fail to exercise their option of actively selecting a particular kind of program with which to associate their products," they surmise. (Human Behavior, July, 1976)

Smokers: Endangered And Dangerous—The American Lung Association says that about 300,000 deaths every year in the U.S. are directly attributable to cigarette smoking, more than to alcoholism, heroin addiction and automobile accidents combined. A recently released study by Dr. G. H. Miller, Ph.D., of Pennsylvania's Edinboro State College, reveals that a man who is a heavy cigarette smoker will live 14 to 16 years less than a male nonsmoker, and a heavy-smoking woman will live 10 to 20 less years than a female nonsmoker... Exhaustive research review by the U.S. Public Health Service... shows that compared to nonsmokers, cigarette smokers have twice the risk of heart attacks, bladder cancer and strokes; four times the risk of

cancer of the esophagus; seven times the risk of death from emphysema or chronic bronchitis; eight times the risk of cancer of the larynx; and 10 to 20 times the risk of lung cancer. Also that 11 million cases chronic disease occur yearly due largely to smoking... A nonsmoker inhaling the fumes of a nearby smoker... experiences a faster heartbeat and higher blood pressure, researchers have found... There is actually more toxic cadmium in the smoke that drifts off the burning end of the cigarette than in the drag the smoker takes. Large doses of cadmium have been related to high blood pressure, chronic bronchitis and emphysema. The American Lung Association says that smoke from an idling cigarette contains even more tar and nicotine than an inhaled one and that the amount of carbon monoxide in the blood of nonsmokers doubles in a poorly ventilated room filled with cigarette smoke... It's clear, then that when a smoker bleats about his 'right' to smoke in a crowded restaurant, lobby, living room or office, because 'I'm not hurting anybody else,' he is merely blowing smoke." Prevention, March, 1976, pp. 139-146.

Reconciled Through Jesus Christ

By Wm. J. Fallis
Romans 5:1-21

Two men had been business partners, but as sales increased, they decided to separate and form two companies. Both prospered. Then one landed a large contract, and the other felt it was taken from himself by an unethical action. Their friendship cooled, and competition became bitter. How could they ever be friends again? Only by reconciliation. No casual handshaking could bridge the chasm of suspicion and bitterness. The unrepentant person does not realize how his actions and attitudes reveal his antagonism against God. Just so, in these lessons on reconciliation we are not talking about a little religious misunderstanding but real enmity and a dramatic effort to make peace—even at the cost of Christ's life.

The Lesson Explained
FAITH—NOT WORKS—FOR ABRAHAM

In last Sunday's lesson Paul dealt first with the corrupted minds of the Gentiles and then the disobedience of the Jews. He was making the point that "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (3:23). He did not see that the Jew had any advantage over the Gentile. The law of Moses had helped the Jews set high moral standards but did not prevent their disobedience. In chapter 4 he makes it clear that Abraham did not win his acceptance before God by obeying the law. "Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness" (4:1). Even before he submitted to circumcision, he "believed God." So, faith was the key to Abraham's relation to God, and he accepted God's grace. His reconciliation did not depend on any deeds he could do; instead, he trusted God.

PEACE, JOY, HOPE—ALL FROM CHRIST (vv. 1-5)

In 4:23-25 Paul says that the reconciliation God provided for Abraham he also has extended to us "if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead." Then 5:1 starts from

that point and quickly summarizes what this salvation brings. First, "we have peace with God" because sin has been forgiven, guilt covered, and a new relationship entered. Such peace would affect human relationships also. Second, we can "rejoice." Joy was a favorite word with Paul in describing the Christian experience. The verb here means "to exult," and Moffatt says, "we triumph." Paul rejoiced both in the present and in what is to come.

Third, the believer can "hope." To show that he did not mean a shallow optimism, Paul told how this hope came to be. The Christian can exult in his troubles because they will teach him how to endure, which will lead to a tested character, and that will produce the kind of hope which never disappoints us. The whole process is the result of God's love flooded into us by the Holy Spirit. All this comes in reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

ENEMIES OF GOD, NOW FRIENDS (vv. 6-11)

Because the first part of that subhead is so strong, we may be tempted to apply it to someone else. But notice

in verses 6, 8, and 10 what Paul says, in each case using the word "we." He included himself with others as he pictured unbelievers as weak, sinners, and enemies of God. He was realistic when he contrasted selfish men with the holy God. Despite their pride, they were too weak to help themselves against the evil one. As sinners, they continually missed the mark in life. No matter what they claimed to be, they acted like the enemies of God.

What was the answer in every case? "Christ died" for them to show God's love and reconcile them to God. It was hard to imagine that one would die for a man always obedient to the law, although one might die for a good man. But Christ died for sinners! Not only did he make us acceptable in God's presence, but he will deliver us in God's final judgment (v.9). Although once we were actually enemies of God, "he made us his friends through the death of his Son" (v. 10, TEV). Salvation will continue through the indwelling presence of the living Christ. So, instead of fearing the judgment of God, we exult in him because Christ has reconciled us—made us friends of God.

Names In The News

Peggy Hicks, missionary journeyman from Greenwood, Miss., has arrived on the field (address: Box 4404, Taiz, Yemen). Prior to employment by the Foreign Mission Board in August 1976, she was a nurse at Mississippi Methodist Rehabilitation Center, Jackson.

Minda Irene Hoggstrom, missionary journeyman, has arrived on the field (address: Baptist Hospital, Gaza, Israel). She was born in New Orleans and also lived in Jackson, Miss., and Birmingham, while growing up.

Dr. James Glass has accepted a call as minister of music at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson. Dr. Glass is teaching in the Department of Music at Mississippi College. He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, the University of Texas and received his doctorate from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He is married to the former Betty Burress and they have a daughter, Kara. The Reverend James E. Scirratt is pastor at Woodland Hills.

Bob Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Roberts of Grenada, was called recently to be minister of music and youth at Paynes Church, Tallahatchie County. He attended Holmes Junior College and is now a junior at Delta State University. He was minister of music and youth at Harland's Creek and Holmes associational music director while at HCJC. The Rev. Walter Simmons is pastor at Paynes, having gone there recently from Union Church, Panola County.

Charles Cameron, 21 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Cameron, Baxterville, was recently licensed to preach by Baxterville Church, Bob Goolsby, pastor. Graduate of Lumberton High School, he is an active member of the youth choir of the church. He also leads the young people during Church Training. He plans to begin his studies at William Carey College at night in the near future. He is available for pulpit supply, youth rallies or any youth activity.

Daniel Larry Brock, minister of music and youth at Truitt Memorial Church, was ordained to the gospel ministry there recently. Born in Jackson, he graduated from Mississippi College in 1975, at which time he became minister of music at Truitt Memorial. On the ordaining council were Dr. Malcolm M. Leach, pastor of Truitt Memorial; the Rev. J. L. Reeves, pastor emeritus there; Dr. J. Roy McComb, pastor of First Church, Pearl; and the Rev. Carl E. Talbert, pastor of Fannin Church. Mr. Brock is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Brock of 4273 Richmond Circle, Jackson.

Edward Ludlow will present a recital of Yankee organ music at the Lowrey Memorial Church in Blue Mountain on Oct. 5. The program of American music will include compositions by Paine, Selby, Hewitt, Barber, Carr, Persichetti and Sowerby. The public is invited. The hour is 8 p.m. Mr. Ludlow is associate professor of organ at Blue Mountain College.

Bill Rice is new minister of music for Crestwood Baptist Church, Jackson. Also employed by the Mississippi State Highway Department, Rice is attending night school at Mississippi College. He has formerly done music work at churches in Hickory Flat, Sherman, Ripley and Gallman.

Miss Dann Stampley, missionary to Ghana, may be addressed at Box 9232, Airport, Accra, Ghana. She is a native of Benton, Miss.

Tommy Smith was called to Sunshine Church, Rankin County, as minister of music and youth and assistant pastor. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth H. Smith of Brandon. He and his wife, Debbie, reside in Jackson. He is a senior at Belhaven College.

During the year 1975-1976 he traveled as guitarist for "Truth." Pastor of Sunshine Church is the Rev. Mike Willoughby.

First, Verona has licensed Marlow Christian, right, to the Gospel ministry. Pastor Ray Glover, left, made the presentation September 12.

Clarence Weaver, left, was recently ordained to preach by the Cash Church in Scott County. Pat McNair, staff evangelist at Cash Church, preached the ordination sermon. Billy Henry of Leake County gave the charge to the preacher. George Harper, pictured at right, is the Cash pastor.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work For October 10

Called To Be Saints

By Bill Duncan

John 17:13-19; 1 Peter 1:13-16, 2:4-10

Were there any saints in the church at Corinth? Paul's letter to the Corinthians deals with some of the most difficult church problems in the Bible to understand. Yet, he addresses them as "the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints." According to Paul, they are in the sight of God, His separated ones, called saints.

The basic meaning of the word "sanctification" is dedication. It refers to that which is set apart for holy use or for the service of God. The basic idea comes from the word "holy." Originally, the word "holy" carried no moral concept. In the Old Testament the words "sanctify" and "holy" are used with reference to those things related to the service of God: temple, altar, vessels, people, and days. However, in the New Testament they refer primarily to people. All Christians are called saints or sanctified ones in the New Testament. This is a work of the Holy Spirit's ministry. There is no thought in the doctrine of ridding one's self of sin. Jesus, who had no sin, sanctified himself (John 17:19). He dedicated himself to God's will and work.

Christian sanctification does involve a growing relationship to Jesus. The more we grow to be like Jesus, the less place sin will have in his life. In Christ the Christian gains freedom from the power of sin. But there is no such thing as sinless perfection in this life. The Christian's life becomes more sanctified as the Christian yields himself to Christ and his service through the power of the Holy Spirit.

To call a Christian "a saint" is synonymous with justification or regeneration. According to Conner, this is sometimes called positional sanctification, as distinguished from progressive sanctification. Most of the time, the work is used in the sense of progressive cleansing or purification of the soul.

Wycliffe Associates To Hear Speaker From New Guinea, Oct. 2

Wycliffe Associates, lay organization of Wycliffe Bible Translators, will host a fellowship dinner October 2 at Holiday Inn southwest in Jackson at 7 p.m. The dinner will be complimentary, seeking to make Wycliffe's work known and to provide good Christian fellowship and inspiration. Dr. Robert Brown, missionary from Papua, New Guinea, will be the speaker.

Wycliffe Bible Translators was founded in 1934 to forward the task of propagating the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ by putting the Word of God into all the tribal languages of the earth in which it does not yet exist. Wycliffe is reaching Bibleless tribes by sending hundreds of young people to remote areas of the world to live among the tribespeople, learn their languages and translate God's Word. More than 500 languages are already under study and more than 300 have portions of Scripture in their languages. Two thousand languages still have no written form.

Wycliffe is geared to finishing the

translation task by the year 2000. But there is no short cut; each tribe must have its own team of translators.

The work is carried out by translators on the field, training in linguistics, support workers and the aviation group, Jungle Aviation and Radio service.

Dr. Robert Brown is a translator, having been in New Guinea since 1969. He is planning to return at the end of this year to begin translating the New Testament for the Wari Tribe.

For reservations call 366-5134 or 366-4305 or 956-4210.

BANGKOK, Thailand—Christian youth in Thailand recently sponsored a memorial service in honor of the first two Thai Christian martyrs. The Thailand Christian Youth Fellowship (interdenominational) honored two Christians who were killed by a feudal king in northern Thailand on Sept. 14, 1868. Commemorative services were held this year at the Baptist Student Center here.

Every Christian, however imperfect he may be, is sanctified in the sense that he is dedicated or consecrated to God by the power of the Spirit and by his own act of faith. His character is changed by the act of self-surrender to a righteous God. Fellowship with a holy God produces holiness in man.

Jesus' prayer for the disciples was that they might be sanctified by the truth. We have already seen how that sanctified means to set apart for a special task. It also means to equip a man with the qualities of mind, heart, and character which are necessary for that task. If a man is to serve God, he must have something of God's goodness and God's wisdom in him. He who would serve the holy God must himself be holy too.

The setting apart was not an exercise in self-help, but resulted from the cleansing word (John 15:3) which Jesus had given his own that they might know the truth. Not only did Jesus deliver the divine revelation but he obeyed it himself, thus giving his followers an unforgettable example of what it means to "sanctify himself."

According to Peter, the readers who had believed in Jesus had come to be "a chosen race, royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people." A chosen race recalls God's choice of Israel as a people for his redemption witness. A royal priesthood suggests a kingdom in which each citizen serves as a priest. A holy nation envisions a nation of people set apart and bearing the nature of the holy God whom they worship and serve. God's own people is not a translation but a paraphrase. The translation is "a people for his possession." Peter is dramatizing for Gentile Christians both the privilege into which they had come in Christ and their consequent responsibility for service.

The God who had redeemed the people from their pagan life was a holy God. They, as the redeemed, were to be like their God—holy. Basically, holiness means to be set apart. God is holy in that he is set apart from all others and from every thought or act which could be called sinful, unrighteous, unjust. He calls for the people to be like Him. The goal is absolute holiness. Although the goal is never realized in this life, the tension of striving to reach it must always be there. The child of God must never be satisfied short of reaching the goal.

A Woman's World Reaches For Beyond the Ironing Board

For years and years writing was my hobby. Never thought seriously about "becoming a writer" and still am not sure exactly how it all got started, but a few years ago I became blessed with being published, and writing ceased to be hobby. So, for several years I looked for a hobby.

It's always been a plint of envy with me that James and the boys (and now our daughter-in-law) love fishing or hunting enough to get up at two in the morning to go. I've wished I enjoyed doing something that much. There is one thing I enjoy that much, but not many stores open up by two in the morning.

Nevertheless, I found my hobby—quilts. Last winter I carried a little box of scraps, needle, and thread with me almost everywhere I went and pieced three identical quilt tops, one for each of the boys, made entirely from old shirts that they and their Dad wore.

Then James ordered me a quilting frame. When it came, James said, "Oh, boy, putting that frame together'll be fun. I surely hope we don't have any pieces left over." Both of us remembered Christmas Eves past when we'd put three-legged stools together (they were supposed to have four legs) and when car race tracks had more pieces when we finished than when we started. And tucked around in various nooks and crannies are all sorts of nuts and bolts left over from multiple assembly lines of two parents whose combined ability with mechanical things can replace light bulbs.

The quilting frame pieces came out even, as did the frame itself, and I went across the quilt one time. Since then we have moved that frame around with much the same success as one would house an arthritic giraffe in a bird cage. Now, however, I have it back in the den and have become serious about quilting it. It is a very soothing activity, steady and undemanding of anything except consistency—allowing a suspension of thought, exertion, rushing. Sort of still water with green pastures, calming and restful.

Else, what's a hobby for?

DEVONSHIRE, Bermuda—When 45 members of a 200-member congregation have to move, the church's 20th anniversary celebration can seem pretty bleak. First Baptist Church here recently lost families connected with the Wilson Construction Co. of Memphis, Tenn. The construction job that brought them to Devonshire had been completed.

"It All Began Because Of A Gypsy"

(Note: The Fairchild family of Moselle, Mississippi—Elven (Al) and Molly and three daughters—minister in an unusual way, through visual evangelism. Al illustrates his sermons with magic; Molly, Ann Marie, and Susie are ventriloquists. Susie's husband, Mark Lott, is a guitarist and magician. Ruth, the youngest daughter, is a clown and puppeteer. This year they have been doing a Bicenten-

nial program that took hundreds of hours of preparation, including the making of a 5x10 foot silk flag. Al was a pastor for 23 years in Alabama, California, and Mississippi before becoming an evangelist. He and Molly attended Clarke and William Carey and USM. The following is Molly's story of "the way it all began.")

By Molly Fairchild

We were very happy in the pastorate

and would never have dreamed of doing anything else. However, God had another plan for our lives.

One day when David, our son, was a sophomore at Jones County Junior College he brought home a tract, "The Four Spiritual Laws." He had been using it to witness on campus and was excited about it. As I read the tract, I became excited, too, and prayed that God would lead me to someone with

whom I could share the message. He did. He led me to the county fair where I rented a booth to display items from my hobby shop.

A young carnival worker wandered over to the booth. He was dirty. His eyes were red and bloodshot. But he looked lonely and seemed surprised that a stranger would show interest in him. Our conversation led from friendly interest to spiritual counseling, and I introduced him to Jesus through God's word and the tract. We knelt and prayed, and he had an experience with the Lord. He said, "Man, I've found something great. I ain't never felt nothing like this before." He left to go back to his "joint." Later he returned and asked me to read the Bible to him. He began to tell me about himself. His mother and dad had gotten a divorce when he was 14. Neither wanted him because he was an epileptic, so they kicked him out. He had asked, "What am I supposed to do?" His mother said, "There is a carnival in town. Go join it." He did. For six years the sky was the only roof he knew, and the "carnies" the only family he knew. Nightly fights were his recreation, a tough motorcycle gang his only companions.

When the fair was to close, Dennis came to me and said, "The Lord wants

me to preach, but I ain't got no education."

I invited him into our home. He and David became like brothers. We got him a job. We sent him to school. But the motorcycle gang would not leave him alone. They kept harassing him and threatening his life if he did not come back.

The Mississippi Baptist state convention was in session and we attended as usual. David was to drive our van to Jackson, bring Dennis and the church young people to Youth Night. The gang promised Dennis that if he attended that meeting they would be there, too, to "bust it up." Dennis was scared. David told him the Lord would take care of things. That night, 12 of the gang rode into Jackson. The police would not permit their motorcycles on the parking lot, so they parked and walked in, and began to look for Dennis. But where do you find one guy among several thousand? They waited.

Meanwhile they were caught up in the service. It was a spiritual meeting. The invitation was given. Dennis went forward to dedicate his life. When he reached the altar, there were six members of the gang—not to get him, but to find Jesus. The other six rode off.

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Al



Molly



Ruth

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"It All Began..."

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in defeat.

Dennis and his "new" friends formed a "new gang," riding their bikes for Christ, and witnessing. That was six years ago. Today Dennis is a chaplain in a mental institution in New Jersey.

At the fair I watched the carnival

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AWARD-WINNING BOOK—"We Were There" was named second place winner in national contest sponsored by SBC Historical Commission. Tells the story of Baptists in Illinois in first-person, anecdotal style. Described by one reviewer as "oral history at its best." Albert McClellan says, "I recommend it to people who don't like history books. It breathes, it talks, it runs. It makes the past-present. In short, it lives." Interviews and text by Robert J. Hastings. \$4.99 plus .36 postage. Illinois Baptist State Association, Box 3486, Springfield, IL 62706.

children. They stole, they lied, they roamed about aimlessly, idle, dirty. I ask them if they ever went to school or to Sunday School. Negative on both counts. I asked them if they would come to Sunday School at my booth on Saturday. They were delighted. Saturday morning I did not recognize them. They were clean, their hair brushed—they were shining.

I told the story of Moses and the children of Israel and the tabernacle in the wilderness. They identified with this story and asked for another Sunday School lesson that afternoon. They came back, and brought recruits. We met under a shade tree. Ann Marie played the ukelee and taught them Bible choruses. We gave each child a Bible. A Negro man standing nearby asked why we were doing this. "Because we love Jesus." With tears in his eyes, he asked for a Bible, too. He was one of 25 to get a Bible that day.

The next year our superintendent of missions and associational WMU pitched in and helped, and we had a week of Vacation Bible School at the fair. But before that year rolled around drastic changes had taken place in the Fairchild home.

One day David brought Mike home and asked if he could live with us. His parents were divorced and he had a

very unhappy home life. We made room for him. During spring holidays David, Mike and Dennis took the van and went to Florida to work with Arthur Blessitt for a few days.

My three daughters and my "three sons" joined with other young people in forming a Christian band. They obtained permission from shopping centers to set up a platform on Saturday nights to sing, witness and give out tracts. Our household was lively with young people. Then suddenly things began to slow down. "My three sons" went into service. One daughter was married; another entered college. My house was quite empty.

Then came Pepe, the gypsy. He was a professional magician having performed in night clubs and with stars. He was tops in his field. He was a guy with a great personality and made friends easily. But he was an atheist. He needed a home. We felt that God had a hand and a plan in sending him our way. Of course we thought it was to win him to Christ. We prayed with him; we read the Bible to him; we took him to church, invited Christians over to have fellowship with him. But Pepe refused to believe in someone he could not prove existed. After church on Sunday and Wednesday nights Pepe entertained our guests with magic.

They were fascinated. Bug eyed. Only a few moments before, during the sermon, they had been almost asleep. Now their eyes were open, for fear they would miss something.

Elven said, "If only I could hold their attention preaching the gospel, as you do with magic." Pepe said, "Then why don't you preach the gospel with magic?" "Well, because —we've never done it that way before." Pepe taught Elven some tricks. Elven began to get ideas of applying a simple gospel message, with a simple magic trick. While all this was going on, I was working on a rag doll puppet. The Lord impressed on me that I should study ventriloquism. Pepe said I could order a book on the subject. I did. In three months I was doing ventriloquism. I wrote some dialogues. Elven and I began witnessing, using our newly acquired talents. Then, just as Pepe had appeared, suddenly he disappeared. We never saw or heard from him again.

We began to receive invitations to speak in many churches. using our new talents. Every time we spoke decisions were made for Christ. We had never had this happen before. It was unbelievable. We taught study courses, mission study books, using visuals. Then the Lord called us into

full-time evangelism. We resigned our church, then the doors really began to open. We received more engagements that we could take. Not only did we speak in regular church services but in other places too. At school assembly programs, civic clubs, camps, retreats, banquets, area crusades, kids' crusades, youth revivals, children's church, bus clinics across the nation. Places like Washington, D. C. where we witnessed at the Pentagon, the White House, embassies, malls, shopping centers. Then came overseas tours, one to the Holy Land, and five to India during which 10,000 made professions of faith. We worked with Dr. E. J. Daniels for two years. I have taught hundreds to do ventriloquism, including a blind girl, Lela Mayfield, who works with evangelist Eddie Martin. Al and I teach special workshops for gospel magic and ventriloquism.

Our three daughters are engaged in the same type work we are doing.

We take none of the credit. God gave a command. We made ourselves available. Anyone can do what we do; it is no great thing. But God uses it in a great and marvelous way.

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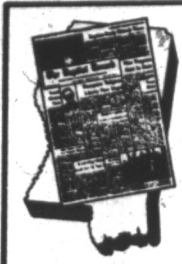
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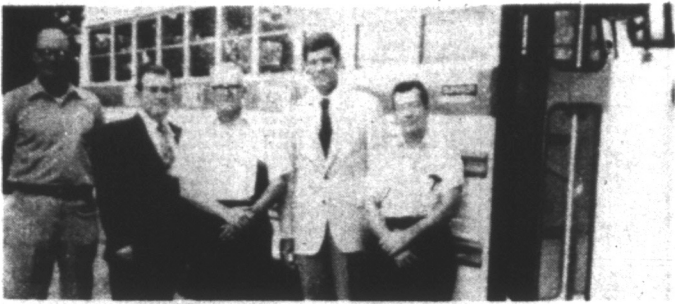
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Just For The Record



Hickory Grove Church in Lamar County dedicated a new church bus September 5. Bus committee members were, left to right: Earnest Sumrall Jr., chairman; H. L. Fewell, pastor; Porter Hudson; Loyd Grimes; and Luther McCraney.



Members of the First Church in Coldwater honored their pastor, Dr. Charles Nester, and his family with a reception August 15 in celebration of the completion of their first year at the church. Shown with Dr. Nester are his wife, Clara, and children, Chuck and Marsha.



Stanton Church, Natchez, recently burned a note in celebration of the final payment being made for their central air equipment. (The final note was paid on the church building in 1975.) Stanton Church was begun in 1962 as a mission of the Cranfield Church, and was constituted in 1963 with 73 charter members. Meetings were first held in homes, and then in an old store building. A new church building was dedicated July 12, 1964, with Dr. Chester Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, as guest speaker. A pastorium, bought in 1965, is to be replaced with a new one in future. James Brooks was the first pastor. Jimmy McNair is the present pastor.

Ridgecrest To Host Seminar On Church Architecture

RIDGECREST, N. C.—A General Church Architecture Planning Seminar will be conducted here Oct. 11-14 at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center.

Sponsored by the church architecture department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, the seminar is designed for pastors, church staff members, building committees, architects and church building contractors.

Sessions will help participants evaluate the use of existing church building space and determine the type and amount of additional space needed.

Other sessions will cover such topics as maintenance, organization of committees and effective short-term and long-range planning. Information also will be available on selecting and working with an architect and locating other sources of help in surveying, planning, constructing and financial church buildings.

The seminar, which is the first of its kind to be held at Ridgecrest Conference Center, is part of an increased effort by the church architecture department to provide seminars which are "closer to the churches," according to Jerry Privette, building pro-

gram and resource consultant in the department, who is directing the Ridgecrest seminar.

Similar conferences are planned in Arizona, Virginia and Alabama in 1977, Privette said.

Registration for the Ridgecrest seminar requires a \$30 fee, which should be mailed to the Church Program Training Center, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tenn. 37234. Persons should make arrangements for living accommodations by contacting Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Box 128, Ridgecrest, N. C. 28770.

Prayer Lift For Pastors: October 3-9

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Boyce Boyles, Dockery
Victor Payne, Drew
Tom Gilder, Fairview
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Oct. 4
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Charles Nester, Coldwater, First
Claude Lazenby, Ebenezer
Oct. 9
Ed Campbell, Evansville
Wardell Algee, Flag Lake
Lester McMullen, Hickory Grove
Claude Howe, Highland
Milton Thornton, Loozahoma

First, Vicksburg Slates Puppet Seminar, Oct. 27

A seminar on the use and usefulness of professional-quality puppets as effective learning tools will be held at First Church, Vicksburg, on Wednesday, October 27, from 7-10:30 p.m.

The three and one-half hour training session will be conducted by professionals from Puppet Productions, Inc., a San Diego, California firm which trained over 10,000 persons in nationwide seminars last year.

Video tape and film segments, and live demonstrations will provide firsthand visual lessons on the production of professional-quality puppet shows.

Subject areas covered in the seminar include how to manipulate hand puppets, organizing a church puppet ministry, giving puppets genuine "personality" on stage, and tips for working on TV. Public school teachers will appreciate the all new education package on language arts and math skills which has been added for this years program.

Seminar sizes are limited to insure adequate personal attention so early registration is recommended. Individual registration fees are \$10 with reduced rates for groups available. The First Baptist Church is located at 1607 Cherry Street. For additional information, contact Mr. or Mrs. Rusty Griffin at (601) 636-2493.

Revival Dates

New Palestine, Picayune: October 1-3; stewardship revival; Dr. Eugene Patterson, Fairhope, Alabama, former professor of New Testament and Greek and professor of evangelism at New Orleans Seminary, now retired, evangelist; the Rev. Harry L. Barnes, pastor.

Orange Grove, First Church, Pascagoula: Oct. 3-8; Dr. Paul D. Aultman, pastor of First Church, Ocean Springs, evangelist; music under directions of Grady Mayo, minister of music of Orange Grove First Church; 7 nightly; H. L. Davis, pastor.

Pecan Grove Church, Ellisville: October 3-8; services nightly at 7:30; Steve Pouncey, pastor of Corinth Church, Heidelberg, evangelist; L. D. Stewart, music director; Russell Cottingham, interim pastor.

Crestwood Church, Jackson: October 3-8; John McDonald, pastor of Robinson St. Church, Jackson, evangelist; Bill Rice, music director; Houston Haynes, pastor; Homecoming October 3, at 11 a.m. with dinner on the ground.

Devotional

Through The Valley

By Joe Anderson, Pastor, McAdams Church
Psalms 23:4

Many Christians are so busy looking for the mountain top experiences that they forget that God is in the valley. These great experiences are fine and serve a purpose, but often God has something that we need to learn in the valley. As a result of this involvement with the exciting, and the inability to find it, frustration sets in and we begin to wonder where God is.

Notice the Psalmist first of all speaks about walking in the valley of the shadow of death. He is living with great troubles to the point that death seems near. Suddenly he bursts forth with a note of confidence, "I will fear no evil." That is indeed strange since he is in the valley. His weaknesses are manifest. He is close to being despondent. Yet he proclaims that he will fear no evil. Victory is at hand!

Where does he get this confidence? The next few words reveal to us the source of power. "For thou art with me." Notice that he is in the valley of the shadow of death. There is only a shadow. Fear should be normal, despondency and discouragement should be normal; yet he fears not. When we are in the presence of God there is no need for fear, because our shepherd is God who is sovereign over all things.

The rod and staff were instruments used by the shepherd to protect his flock against enemies and to rescue them from certain hazards. God will fight off our enemies and rescue us from certain death.

Let us spend more time growing as Christians, taking advantage of the valleys to make us stronger. Let us spend less time looking for the emotional experiences that are here today and gone tomorrow. Let us walk in faith in God rather than in faith in empty emotion.

Prospective Student Day To Be At William Carey Oct. 23

William Carey College in Hattiesburg has announced the date of the annual PROSPECTIVE STUDENT DAY as Saturday, October 23, according to the Office of Admissions.

"High school students as well as junior college sophomores are urged to write or phone for reservations for the day-long schedule of activities designed to entertain, inform, inspire and challenge," commented Antonio Pascale, director.

Miss Mississippi, Bobby Wood, formerly Miss Carey College, will be the featured entertainer during the luncheon hour, traditionally free to all campus visitors. Also performing for the guests will be Dorothy Roberts, the current Miss Carey College.

Registration is scheduled to begin on the patio of Wilkes Hall at 9:00 a.m. with refreshments and greetings awaiting all upon arrival. Campus tours (Sader Sites) will be led at 10 a.m. by students currently enrolled. Following lunch there will be faculty conferences scheduled at 1:30 and again at 2:30, with a special drama production being presented at the same times for alternate involvement by all.

"Traditionally, our PROSPECTIVE STUDENT DAY has been one of the highlights of the school year," commented Pascale. "We look forward to greeting hundreds of students who are in the process of visiting campuses in order to select the one most suited to their needs. We are aware that this is a very important process and we want to be as helpful as possible."

Prospective students who might be interested in enrolling on the Gulf Coast campus are also encouraged to attend Prospective Student Day on the Hattiesburg campus on October 23, commented Pascale.

Reservation may be made simply by phoning or writing the Office of Admissions, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss., 39401.

BANGKOK, Thailand — Grace Baptist Church, the first Baptist church to be organized in Thailand as a result of Southern Baptist work there, recently celebrated its 25th anniversary. Part of the celebration included the dedication of an educational building, according to Maxine (Mrs. Robert) Stewart, Southern Baptist missionary press representative.

Off The Record

"Johnny, you were a very tidy boy not to throw your banana peeling on the floor of the bus," the mother said. "Where did you put it? The son replied: 'In the pocket of the man next to me.'"

When I found a small boy crying at my doorstep. I asked him what was wrong. He told me: "Mummy won't give me any bread and butter." I felt sorry for him and gave him two thick slices with some cheese. To my amazement he dashed up the road yelling: "Simon, Simon, we can go fish now—I've got some bait."

A patron in the restaurant told the waitress: "Two eggs, please. Don't fry them a second after the white is cooked. Don't turn them over. Not too much grease. Just a pinch of salt. No pepper. Well, waitress, what are you waiting for?" The waitress replied: "The hen's name is Eleanor—is that all right?"

First, McLaurin Calls Pastor

First church, McLaurin, Lebanon Association, has called Jerry Glendon Wise as pastor.

A graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, Mr. Wise has been pastor of Lexie Church, Tyertown, for the past six years. During that time he served Walthall Association as Sunday school director for five years and as associational representative on the Miss. Baptist Convention Board for two years.

He is married to the former Edwina Morris of Improve. They have a son, Joe.



Jerry, Edwina, and Joe Wise



State Slow-Pitch 1976 Champions

Broadmoor Church, Jackson, was the winner of the Miss. Baptist State Slow-Pitch Tournament for 1976. They were the winner over 61 other teams. Mt. Zion of Wesson was second, Daniel Memorial of Jackson came in third, and First, Morton was fourth. In the Womens State Tournament, Macedonia of Brookhaven won the championship, with Midway of Jackson second, First, Pearl third and Pearson Road of Pearl fourth. 1st Row: Jim Kerr, Jr., Michael Dennis; 2nd Row: Tommy Strahan, Glen Williams, Wayne Taylor, Sidney Smith, Jim Graves; 3rd Row: Doyle Ball, Gerald Barron, Danny Matthews, Danny Prince, Harry Peterson, John Bewley; 4th Row: Jim Kerr, Larry Kerr, Ed Blackberry, Mike Dennis.

J. D. Grey Donates Tapes To Seminary

NEW ORLEANS — Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor-emeritus of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, has presented a collection of his sermons and tapes to the New Orleans Seminary.

Acting on behalf of the First Baptist Church, the Institution which has legal right to the tapes, Dr. Grey presented the accumulation of his last ten years of sermons at First Church to seminary president Dr. Landrum Leavell.

Southern Tops Past Enrollment Records

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Forty-eight Mississippi students are part of a record-breaking enrollment at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here this fall.

Total fall enrollment this year stands at 2,033 students, an increase of 7 per cent over last fall's record-breaking enrollment. An even higher

increase was noted among students in the degree programs of the seminary's schools of theology, religious education and church music. There the total reached 1,896, an increase of more than 11 per cent over last fall. The remainder of the students are enrolled in the Boyce Bible School or evening school programs.

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